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Application No.: 09/714,514) Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A
Filed: November 17, 2000) Confirmation No.: 5020
For: LOCKING SYSTEM AND)
FLOORING BOARD)

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated February 19, 2003, please amend
the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please add new claim 25-30 as follows.

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25. (New) The locking system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cooperating
upper abutment surfaces are at least partially displaced from the cooperating lower
abutment surfaces in a displacing direction parallel to the principle plane of the floorboards.

26. (New) The locking system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion
of the lower cooperating abutment surface is horizontally inward from the a vertical joint
plane defined by a contacting portion of two juxtaposed upper portions of the floorboards, a